

Amal language

Amal is a language spoken along the border of Sandaun Province and East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea, along the Wagana River near the confluence with Wanibe creek.^[3] Foley (2018) classifies Amal as a primary branch of the Sepik languages, though it is quite close to Kalou.

Pronouns

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Amal pronouns

	sg	pl
1	ŋan	nut
2	in	kun
3	may	ilum

Cognates

Amal cognates with Sepik languages are:^[4]

- *tal* ‘woman’
- *yan* ‘child’
- *lal* ‘tongue’ < proto-Sepik *ta(w)r
- *mi* ‘breast’ < proto-Sepik *muk
- *waplo* ‘liver’
- *nip* ‘blood’
- *yen* ‘egg’
- *ak* ‘house’

Foley (2018) notes that there appears to be somewhat more lexical similarities between Amal and the Tama languages, but does not consider them to form a group with each other.

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Amal	
Region	Sandaun Province and East Sepik Province
Native speakers	830 (2003) ^[1]
Language family	Sepik ▪ Upper Sepik ▪ Amal–Kalou ▪ Amal
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	aad
Glottolog	amal1242 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/amal1242) ^[2]

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